

PUBLIC NOTICE for PERMIT APPLICATION

Issue Date: July 8, 2004

Expiration Date: August 9, 2004

Corps of Engineers Action ID: 200400401

Oregon Department of State Lands Number: 32516-FP

30 Day Notice

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for certain work in waters of the United States, as described below and shown on the attached plan.

Comments: Comments on the described work should reference the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers number shown above and should reach this office no later than the above expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Comments should be mailed to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

ATTN: CENWP-OP-GP (Ms. Susan M. Sturges)

P.O. Box 2946

Portland, Oregon 97208-2946

Applicant: Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

3012 Island Avenue

La Grande, Oregon 97850

Location: Highway 97 crossings of Barkley Springs and Algoma Log Pond near Upper Klamath Lake, five miles north of Klamath Falls, Sections 6, 12, 13, and 24; Township 37 South, Range 8 East and 9 East, Klamath County, Oregon

Project Description: ODOT proposes to: 1) remove and replace the Barkley Springs bridge, 2) improve intersections at North Algoma Road and Highway 97 and the entrance to Hagelstein Park at Barkley Springs and widen roadside shoulders, and 3) perform fish enhancement in the channel northwest of the Barkley Springs Bridge. The project will affect approximately 1.03 acres of wetlands. Two proposed culvert crossings for an intersection improvement will impact 0.14 acre of jurisdictional irrigation canals. ODOT proposes 1.3 acres of fill in the Barkley Springs outlet channel for the fish enhancement project. ODOT will also replace the Algoma Log Pond Bridge on the south end of the project, however no work in waters of the U.S. is proposed for this action.

ODOT proposes to compensate for the loss of wetlands by creating 1.63 acres of wetlands adjacent to the Lost River near the town of Olene. If a permit is issued, the Corps will determine what is appropriate and practicable compensatory mitigation. The amount of compensatory mitigation required shall be commensurate with the anticipated impacts of the project.

Purpose: The project purpose is to improve unsafe conditions and bring the roadway up to current Association of State Highway Transportation Official (AASHTO) design standards. The project will alleviate hazards to the traveling public by upgrading narrow shoulder widths, replacing two obsolete bridges, and improving county road intersections on Highway 97. As part of the shoulder widening at the Barkley Springs bridge approach, ODOT proposes to enhance the channelized section of Barkley Springs downstream of the bridge to improve larval and juvenile habitat for suckers and passage for subadult and adult suckers. The enhancement project is related to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife biological opinion (BO) issued for the project.

Drawings: See 12 attached drawings labeled Public Notice 200400401.

Additional Information: Additional information may be obtained from Ms. Susan M. Sturges, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (503) 808-4381.

Authority: This permit will be issued or denied under the following:

Section 404, Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), for discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Water Quality Certification: A permit for the described work will not be issued until certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L. 95-217), has been received or is waived from the certifying state. Attached is the state's notice advertising the request for certification.

Section 404(b)(1) Evaluation: The impact of the activity on the public interest will be evaluated in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency guidelines pursuant to Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

Coastal Zone Management Act Certification: Project occurs outside of the state's coastal zone and is not subject to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3).

Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Endangered Species: Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity may affect an endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat. Consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844) was completed for the project by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA). Conditions of the BO will be incorporated as conditions of the permit, if issued.

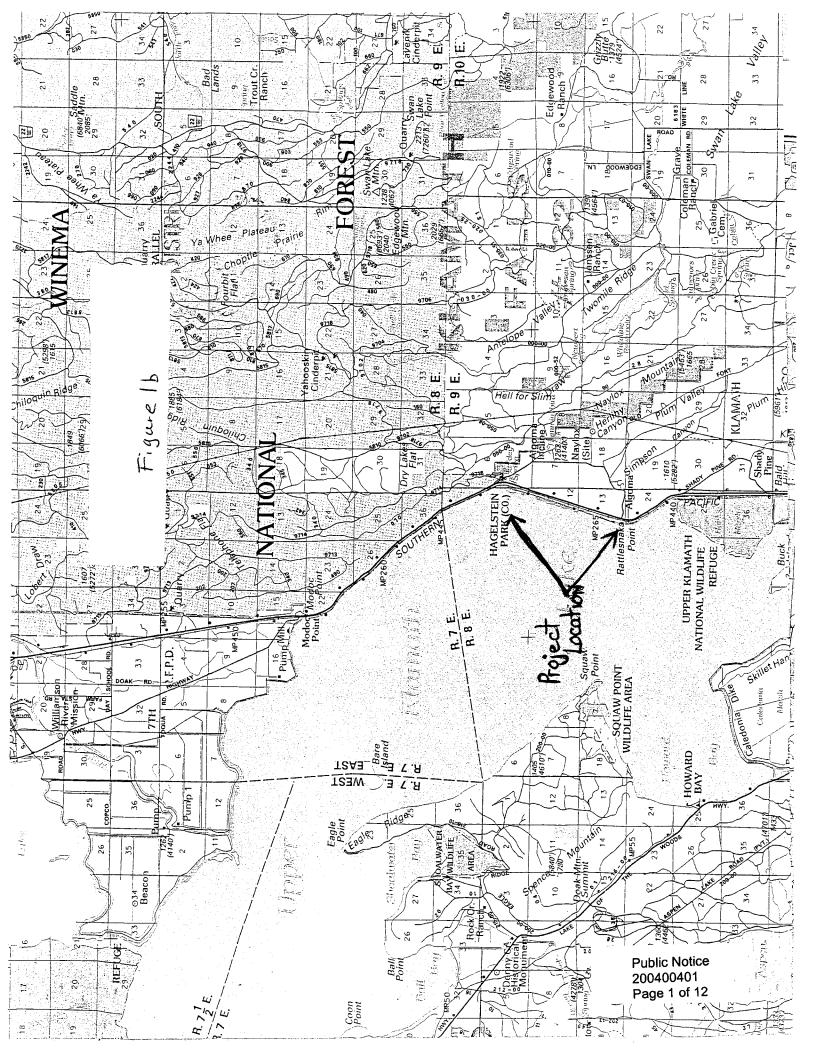
Cultural Resources: An initial evaluation of the proposed project area indicates that a historic property is located in the vicinity of the project. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPA) has already provided concurrence the project will not adversely affect a historic property. According to ODOT, extensive coordination has occurred with the Klamath tribe. This notice has been provided to the SHPO, interested Native American Indian Tribes, and other interested

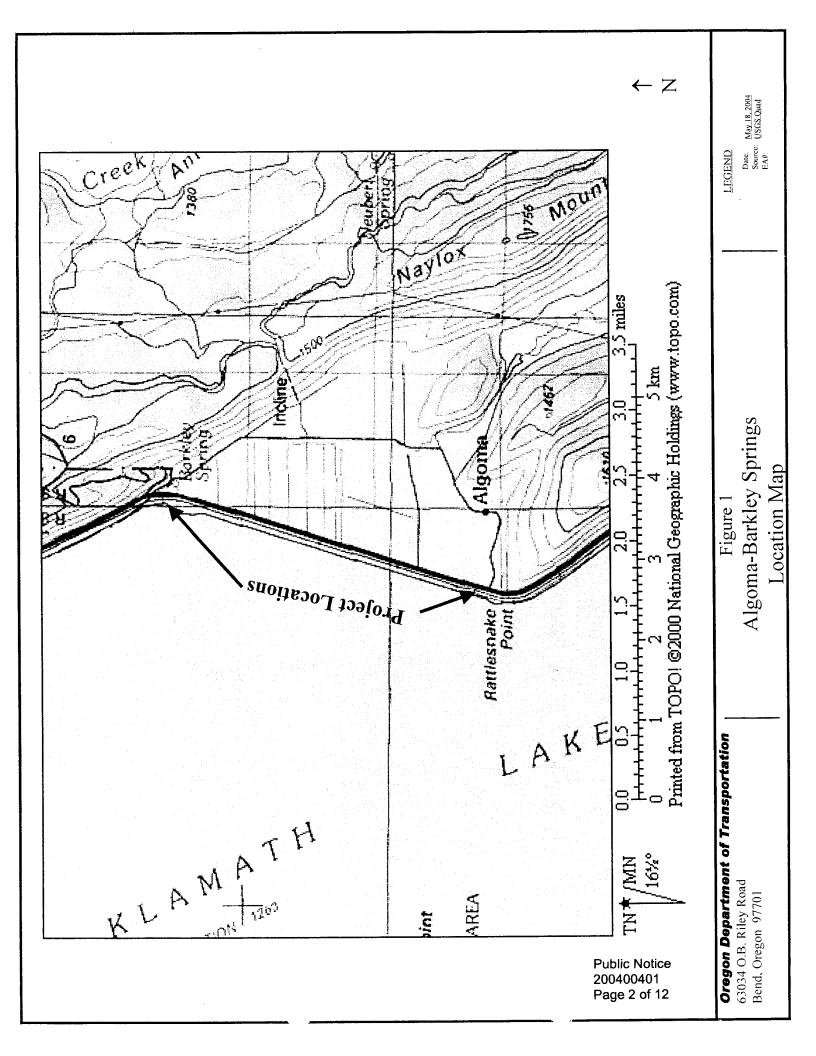
parties. If you have information pertaining to cultural resources within the permit area, please provide this information to the Corps project manager (identified on page 1 of this notice) to assist in a complete evaluation of potential affects.

Evaluation: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the described activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the described activity, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the described activity will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Additional Requirements: State law requires that leases, easements, or permits be obtained for certain works or activity in the described waters. These State requirements must be met, where applicable, and a Department of the Army permit must be obtained before any work within the applicable Statutory Authority, previously indicated, may be accomplished. Other local governmental agencies may also have ordinances or requirements, which must be satisfied before the work is accomplished.





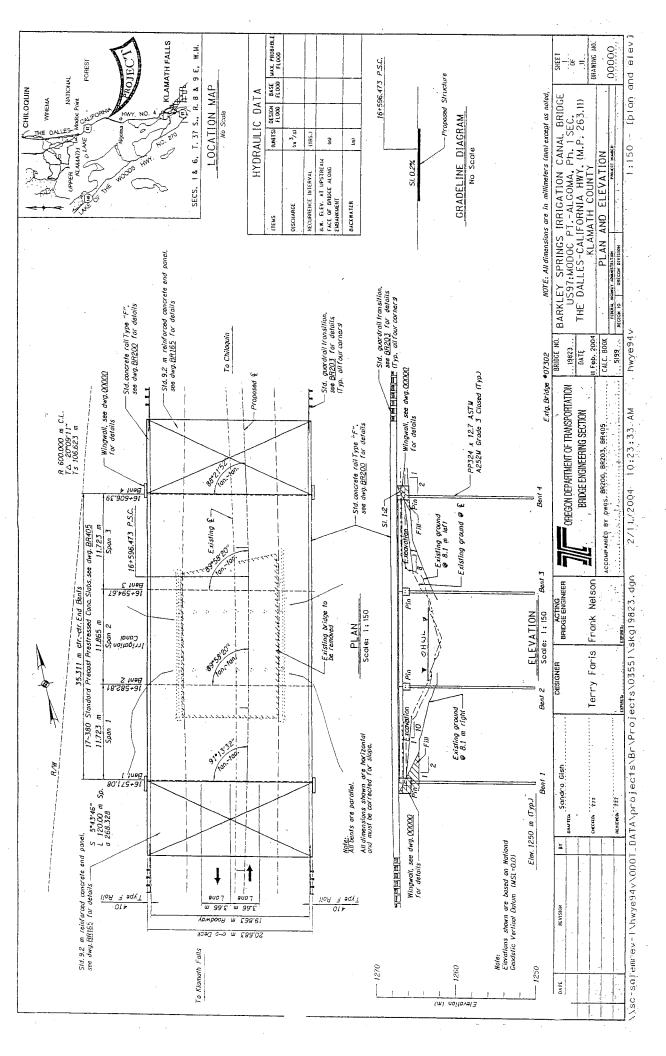
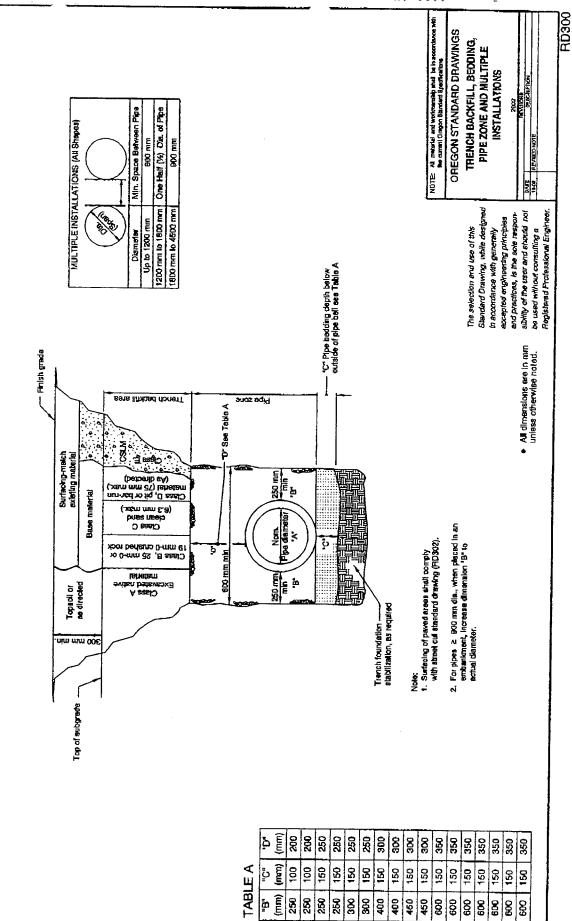


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FIGURE & (Barkley Springs Complex) Wetland & Waters Impacts

U.S. 97: Spring Creck Hill – North Shady Pine Road Section The Dallas-California Highway (Hwy. 97), Klamath County, Oregon (source: adapted from ODOT Project Map, March 2003)



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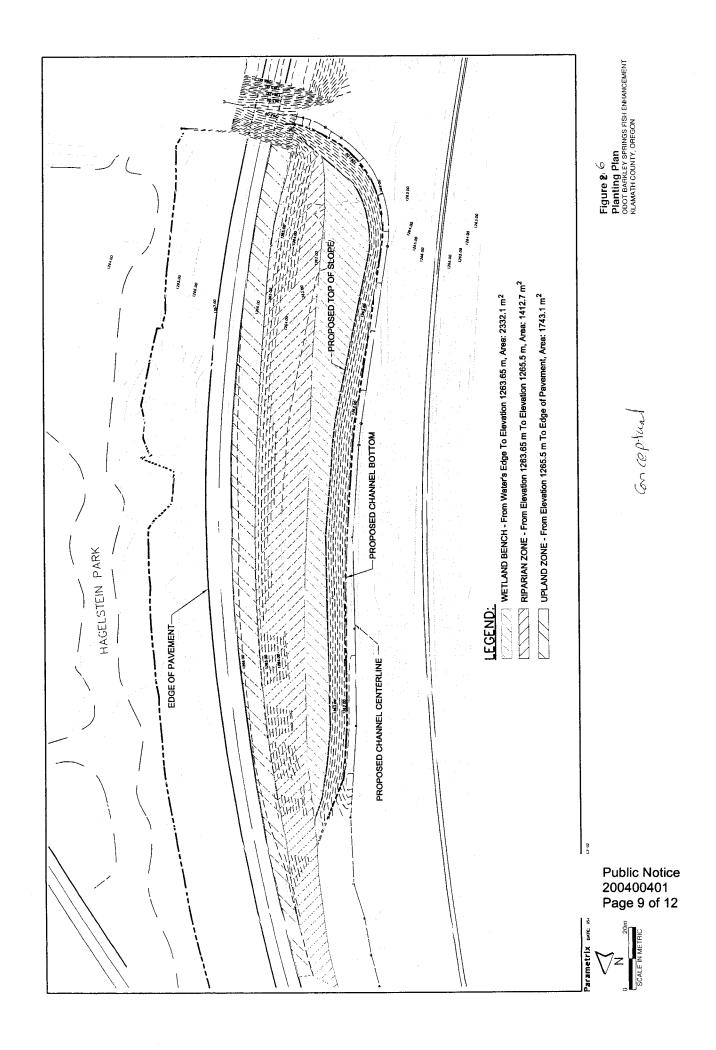
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FIGURE (Algoma Log Pond) Wetland Impacts

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Barkley Springs Channel Fish Enhancement Project Plant List

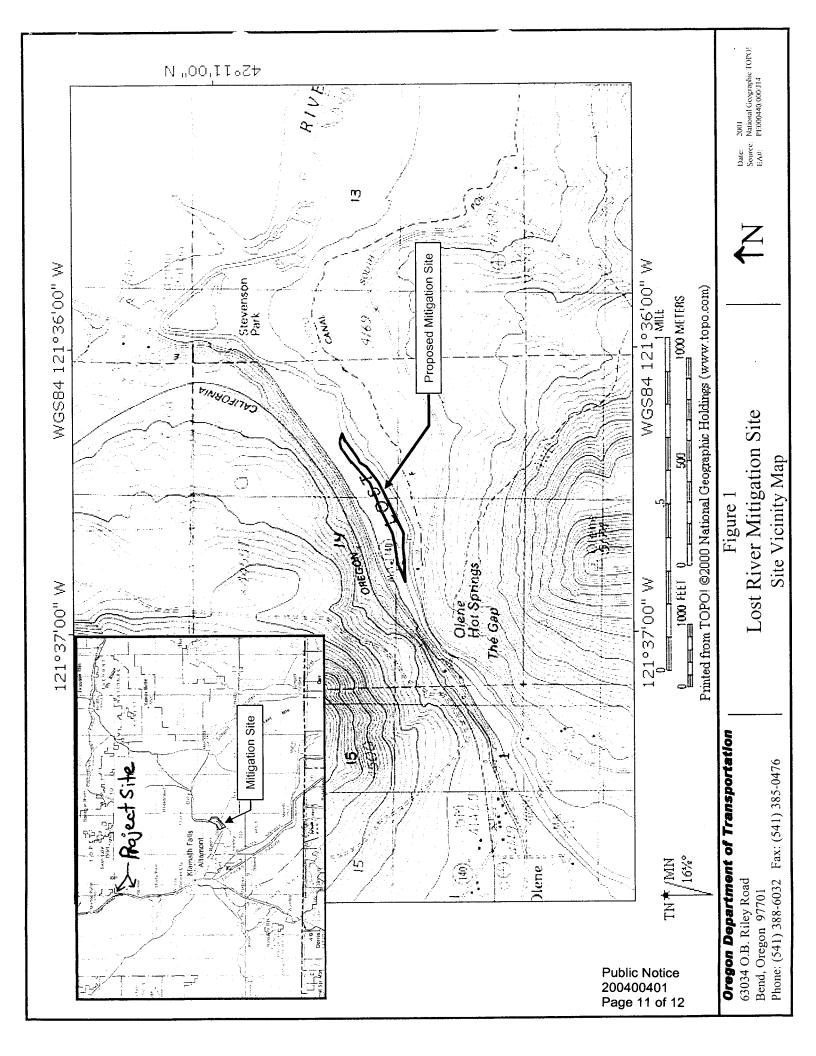
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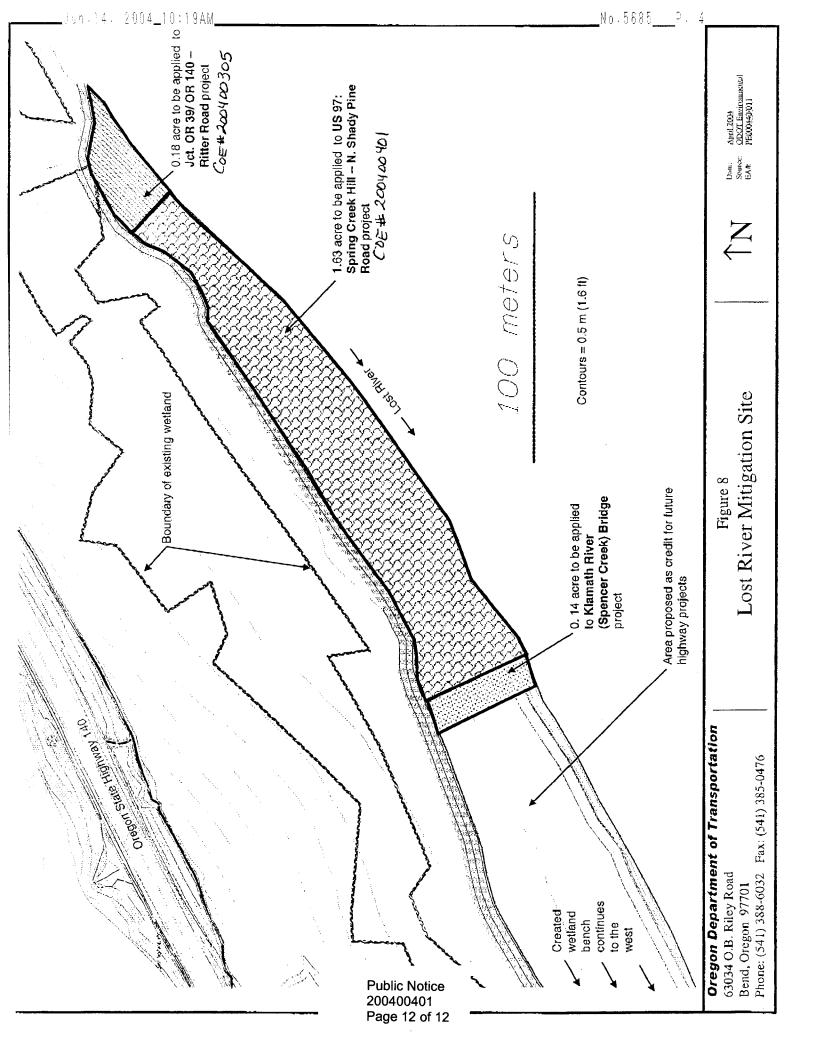
Figure 7 conceptual

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Note: The wetland bench area is to be planted with mature bulrush transplants from Miller Island.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality 401 Certification

Corps of Engineers Action ID Number: 200400401 Notice Issued: July 8, 2004
Oregon Division of State Lands Number: 32516-FP Written Comments Due: August 9, 2004

WHO IS THE APPLICANT: Oregon Department of Transportation

LOCATION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice

WHAT IS PROPOSED: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project

NEED FOR CERTIFICATION: Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act requires applicants for Federal permits or licenses to provide the Federal agency a water quality certification from the State of Oregon if the proposed activity may result in a discharge to surface waters.

DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES: See attached U.S. Army Corps of Engineers public notice on the proposed project

WHERE TO FIND DOCUMENTS: Documents and related material are available for examination and copying at Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 811 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204

While not required, scheduling an appointment will ensure documents are readily accessible during your visit. To schedule an appointment please call Alice Kavajecz at (503) 229-6962.

Any questions on the proposed certification may be addressed to the 401 Program Coordinator at (503) 229-5845.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Public Hearing: Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 340-48-0020 (6) states that "The Director shall provide an opportunity for the applicant, any affected state, or any interested agency, person, or group of persons to request or petition for a public hearing with respect to certification applications. If the Director determines that new information may be produced thereby, a public hearing will be held prior to the Director's final determination. Instances of doubt shall be resolved in favor of holding the hearing. There shall be public notice of such a hearing."

Written comments:

Written comments on the proposed certification must be received at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality by 5 p.m. on (full date). Written comments should be mailed to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: 401 Program Coordinator, 811 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. People wishing to send written comments via e-mail should be aware that if there is a delay between servers or if a server is not functioning properly, e-mails may not be received prior to the close of the public comment period. People wishing to send comments via e-mail should send them in Microsoft Word (through version 7.0), WordPerfect (through version 6.x) or plain text format to 401publiccomments@deq.state.or.us. Otherwise, due to conversion difficulties, DEQ recommends that comments be sent in hard copy.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: DEQ will review and consider all comments received during the public comment period. Following this review, the permit may be issued as proposed, modified, or denied. You will be notified of DEQ's final decision if you present either oral or written comments during the comment period. Otherwise, if you wish to receive notification, please call or write DEQ at the above address.

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